(b) if so, the reasons which compelled Government to bring changes in the present uniform of MNS; and

(c) whether Government propose to permit lady army officers of MNS to wear a garment as inner wear beneath their coats?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some Nursing Officers have represented against the order for change in uniform from the present olive green trousers and shirts to Nursing officers coat and trousers to be worn in patient care areas.

(b) Reasons which compelled Army Headquarters to change the uniform was 'poor acceptance by the patients, relatives of the patients and Commanders of the three Services at various levels regarding wearing of olive green uniform by Nurses working in patient care areas'.

(c) Yes, Sir. MNS officers have been allowed to wear inner which could also be a white terricot shirt without shoulder straps, provided no part of the shirt is visible when the Nursing officers coat is worn by the concerned Nursing officer.

Capture of military bunkers by terrorists

† 1086. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists have captured those military bunkers which were prepared by the military for the use in emergency at the time of war;

(b) if so, when and how terrorists have captured the bunkers; and

(c) if not, the factual position alongwith the reaction of Government on the news published in Hindustan dated 5.9.2001?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Our troops are in occupation of all forward bunkers along the Line of Control.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The details of the newspaper article published in 'Hindustan' dated 5.9.2001 are incorrect.

Recruitment of soldiers in the Armed Forces

† 1087. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for the recruitment of soldiers in all the three wings of Indian Armed Forces during last two years;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of recmitees out of these applicants?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Recruitment of PBORs (Personnel Below Officer Rank) in the Army is made through open rallies and not through the system of applications. A total of 1,21,856 PBORs have been recruited in the Army in the last two years (upto March 2001). The recruitment of Sailors in Navy and Airmen in Air Force is carried out on all India merit basis through the system of applications. In Air Force a total of 14,30,000 applications were received in the last two years (upto June 2001), out of which 4741 persons were recruited. State-wise data is not maintained in Air Force. In Navy, number of applications received in the last two years (upto December 2000) was 2,49,951 out of which 6547 persons were recruited. The State-wise details are given in the Statement I and II.

Statement-I

Details of applications received from various States for last two years in the Navy

Sl. No.	States	1999	2000
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16636	19232

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